

Nevada State Health Division Technical Bulletin



Topic: Assembly Bill 536 of 2011 Legislative Session – Background Check Requirements

Background Check Requirements for Employees of Public and Private Institutions to which a Juvenile Court Commits a Child and Background Check Requirements for Applicants for a License and Employees of Medical Facilities or Facilities for the Treatment of Abuse of Alcohol or Drugs that provide Residential Services to Children

New Background Check Requirements for Child Care Facilities

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TO: All Public and Private Institutions and their Employees to which a Juvenile Court Commits a Child and to All Medical Facilities or Facilities for the Treatment of Abuse of Alcohol or Drugs and their Employees that provide Residential Services to Children

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify all public and private institutions and their employees to which a juvenile court commits a child as well as all medical facilities or Facilities for the Treatment of Abuse of Alcohol or Drugs and their employees that provide residential services to children of new background check requirements with the passage of Assembly Bill 536 of the 2011 Legislative Session. Employees that are required to be background checked under the provisions of this bill must submit the required fingerprints and documentation to conduct a background check investigation on or before October 1, 2011.

Child Care Facilities need to maintain a copy of fingerprints and proof that the applicant or licensee submitted the fingerprints and the written authorization that was submitted to the Central Repository and maintained for the employee's employment with or the resident's presence with the facility.

Child Care employees and residents who are 18 years of age or older must be fingerprinted not later than 3 days after the employee is hired and then at least once every 5 years thereafter.

Individuals who are required to submit to a background and personal history investigation as outlined in this bill must not have contact with children in the facility types outlined in this bill in which they are employed without supervision before the background and personal history investigation of the person has been conducted.

To review the entire bill and all of its requirements go to the following link on Nevada's Legislative website: http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/AB/AB536_EN.pdf

For questions regarding the non-child care requirements of this bill you may contact Leticia Metherell at lmetherell@health.nv.gov or at (775) 684-1045

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